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Dear Barry,

Gary has told me of your project of checking the typescripts. It can be productive. Those I have checked have been. These include Thornley, Bringuier, Gerace and Blalock. Gary has also asked me to send you the enclosed, which you may keep. You will note that in the KP file there is the memo indicating some of Hoover's testimony was edited out. When I asked the Archives for this, they sent me the page before and the page after, but not that page. Incidently, the memo gives the wrong page, for the one edited out, according to it, is attached. It is the next page that is missing. I am interested in what, if anything, that should have been off the record Hoover slipped up and said. I don't think it is the kind of thing that can be withheld, for he was careful. When I asked for this transcript last time I was there, Johnson was not in and Simmons could not find it. Instead of asking for the page, get the whole thing and find the page yourself.

Among the other testimony that most interests me is that of the autopsy doctors, especially Humes; Kellerman and Grider about the autopsy; the Dallas doctors, especially Perry; and New Orleans, especially Andrews, Pena(s), Rodriguez; O'Sullivan (please get me what was removed toward the end) and Voebel.

This project may not seem as simple as it appears, for what may at first glance seem to be but an editorial change may, in fact, be substantive. I have found perjury protected by such devices.

If there is any doubt in your mind, I think it best either to get a copy of whatever page or pages are involved. Making notes takes more time than the cost of the copy, which we can then circulate and various of us can estimate the significance,if any. But please keep close records, of what you order, what you get, and what you send to whom. Whatever you send me I will automaticallycopy and send to Gary and Hoch and his crew.

It would also be desireable for each of us, when you have done as much of this as you intend or can, to have a list of what you have checked. If you send it to Gary, he'll let the others of us know. Also, whatever you send me, put your name on the back, in light ,preferably pencilled writing, for if I use it in a book I would want to give you credit, unless you prefer otherwise.

We are now in a difficult period. Several of us have exercised very poor judgement, and some, without evil motive but quite erroneously, are recriminating. You can depend on Gary for solid evaluations, if such things come to your attention and trouble you. Some, also, are inclined to shoot from the hip. This addresses their personalities and judgement more than their integrity, and I suggest tolerance and an effort at understanding. We will survive it, but it will be easier if those not directly involved do not become part of it.

Best regards,

Harold Weisberg

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